

The Purpose Prize recognizes socially engaged leaders over 60 who have demonstrated that social innovation is not just a pursuit for the young.

Ann received this important award for her work with Improved Solutions for Urban Systems, an organization that helps Dayton-area dropouts earn diplomas while training for jobs in health care, construction, computer operations, and manufacturing.

Like too many young Ohioans today, Ann Higdon had to cope with the feeling of helplessness while growing up. Homeless as a child, she had no love and little desire to learn.

She finished school, however, with the encouragement and kind words of just one teacher. Over the years, Ann has dedicated herself to making sure that young Ohioans receive the same inspiration she did.

I applaud Ann's vision and leadership as she helps bring hope to disadvantaged youth in Ohio.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 832. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officer Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 1694. An act to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and referred as indicated:

S. 1938. A bill to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1963. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3617. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3492. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scales; Accurate Weights, Repairs, Adjustments or Replacements After Inspection" (RIN0580-AB09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3493. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Rough Rice, Brown Rice for Processing, and Milled Rice" (RIN0580-AA94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3494. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred between fiscal years 2001 and 2008 relative to the District of Columbia Courts account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3495. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3496. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of the Navy converting to contract aircraft maintenance functions currently being performed by (109) military personnel at various locations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3497. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Administrative Offset Under Reciprocal Agreements with States" (RIN1510-AB23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3498. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts (Standby Mode)" (RIN1904-AB77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3499. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Residual Radioactive and Beryllium Contamination at Atomic Weapons Employer Facilities and Beryllium Vendor Facilities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the proposed removal from the U.S. Munitions List of civil aircraft equipped with the Biz Jet Matador Installation Kit (A-Kit); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the proposed removal from the U.S. Munitions List of civil aircraft equipped with the JETEYE Counter-MANSPADS Installation Kit (A-Kit); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the proposed removal from the U.S. Munitions List of civil aircraft equipped with the Guardian System Aircraft Provisioning Kit (APK); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the Proton launch of the Telstar 14R Commercial Communication Satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the manufacture of control section units and associated electronics modules for AIM-120 Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile for end-use by the United States of American in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.